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Dear Sirs:

As a carrier I believe the FHWA should establish an educational program to help carriers improve their ratings. When a carrier has a poor audit, they are given six months to make corrections on their own in most cases. I think the FHWA should send representatives to attend driver safety meetings with that company and stress to the employees the consequences of violations they and the company face. Drivers should be assessed heavy penalties for logbook violations as they are the ones in control. With the driver shortage that is starting to arise, a lot of drivers just switch companies if forced to run legal. Shippers should also be assessed fines for giving truckers impossible times of delivery. Household goods hours (allowing breaks) should be stamped on bills of lading, allowing drivers the proper delivery time.

Driver complaints to the FHWA should be handled on an individual basis with the company. If findings appear to be widespread, then go to a full company wide audit.

Sincerely,

*Bruce Sowers*

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